

REMARKS

Claims

The German text as filed had 20 claims, some of which had multiple dependency. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to conform with U.S. requirements regarding claim format.

Substitute Specification

The applicant invokes 37 CFR 1.125, allowing use of a substitute specification, so that the Examiner has a clean copy of the specification for work purposes, since the literal translation lacks headings and paragraph numbering. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.125, a marked up copy of the specification is also submitted.

Other than the claim amendments and the change mentioned above, the only other changes in the literal translation are to paragraphs [0005] and [0006], where the style of citing to United States patents is changed from a European style to an American style, without introducing new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the missing parts to provide copies of the patents and patent publications cited in the specification at paragraphs [0005] - [0007], as well as additional patents known to the applicant and patents cited in a Search Report in German application 102 47 674.8, from which the present application claims priority, and from a related European application, which also claims priority from DE 102 47 674.8.

Certified Copy of Priority Application

A certified copy of German application 102 47 674.8 is provided herewith.

In view of the foregoing arguments the applicant submits that the claims are in a condition to permit allowance. Therefore the applicant requests early and favorable disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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